

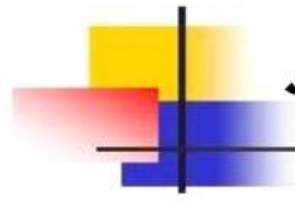


You Have Heard It Said

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Part Three



No Doubt You Have Heard

No doubt you have heard it said that “*the rapture is an instantaneous event that happens at the same time as the resurrection of the dead in Yeshua – poof – we instantly disappear!*”

Not only is the rapture a witnessed event, it happens after the resurrection.

The Four Examples

Does the Bible give us any examples of raptures that are not instant disappearances, but which are in fact witnessed events?

Yah, sure, ya betcha

1. Elijah's ascension was witnessed by both Elisha and the prophets (2 Kings 2:7-12)
2. Yeshua's rapture was witnessed by the disciples, and perhaps many more people (Luke 24:51; Acts 1:9-11a)
3. The two witnesses will be raptured as their enemies watch (Revelation 11:11)
4. While not found in the Bible, Enoch's rapture was also witnessed by many people (Enoch 81:5-6; Jasher 3:34)

The Timing

1 Thessalonians 4:16 – the dead in Yeshua will rise^{G450} first^{G4413}

Protos [G4413 πρῶτος]

The Greek word translated first is protos – meaning foremost or first in time, order, place, or importance.

Did you catch that?

First in time or order.

Paul tells us that the Dead in Yeshua are resurrected **first**.

Not second, and not third, but the dead are the first in a series of events that take place.

The Timing

1 Thessalonians 4:16 – the dead in Yeshua will rise **G450** first **G4413**.

Only after meeting with the still living will both then ascend together to be with Yeshua.

The resurrected dead in Yeshua will more than likely also remain for a short time if the pattern of Yeshua and the Holy ones is followed (1 Corinthians 15:51-53)

The Apostle Paul does not teach that *the resurrection **is** the rapture* – but that:

- they are **separate** events,
- and the **resurrection happens first**.

Conclusions

In short, the Bible gives us three examples of those whose raptures were witnessed, and the non-canonical books give us a fourth example. The Bible also teaches that the resurrection and rapture are separate events.

The Bible only asks for two witnesses to establish a fact!

Fact: the rapture is a witnessed event.

The *resurrection is the rapture and together are an instant disappearance event* is an unsound teaching.

*Y'varekh'kha Yahweh v'yishmerekha
Ya'er Yahweh panav eleikha vichunekka
Yissa Yahweh panav eleikha v'yasem l'kha shalom*

Yahweh blesses you, and keeps you;

Yahweh makes His face shine upon you, and is gracious to you;

Yahweh lifts up His countenance upon you, and makes you whole.

Thank you
for attending
this teaching on

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